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During a mariachi class offered in the music department, instructor Jon Clark signals to Anthony Magaña, far left, to join in while prac-

ticing Thursday night. The musicians were practicing the popular Mexican folk song "Guadalajara."

## Teacher brings flavor of Mexican music to SJSU

By JON SOLOMON  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Jon Clark left San Jose to go to Mexico City with enough money for three days. Instead he stayed for 12 years.

Clark discovered a love for mariachi music while going to SJSU in 1977 and went to Mexico City and played the *guitarrón* professionally. The *guitarrón* is a large six-string instrument that provides the bass in mariachi.

Clark, who returned to SJSU two years ago, is in the process of getting a class on mariachi performance techniques instat-

ed into the curriculum as part of the music department's improvisation program, which is the first of its kind in the nation.

The improvisation program, which is in its second year, encompasses various music from major world cultures that improvise, including music from Indonesia, Africa, India, Caribbean Islands, Brazil, and South Sea Islands, said Dwight Cannon, SJSU music professor.

There haven't been many

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Before the start of class, instructor Jon Clark tunes his *guitarrón*, an instrument used to provide the bass sound for mariachis.

## Evans' presidency draws mixed reactions

CSU Chancellor Munitz's move criticized, praised

By ADELE GALLUCCI  
AND SMITA PATEL  
Spartan Daily Staff Writers

CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz's announcement Wednesday that J. Handel Evans will serve as SJSU's president through June 1995 received

mixed reviews from the campus community.

"President Evans is a fine gentleman and a scholar — I have nothing but respect for him personally," said Steven Millner, acting chairman of the Afro-American studies department. But Millner objected to the way Munitz bypassed the process, saying it troubled him deeply.

"It was a demonstration of naked

power that troubles me in terms of faculty rights," Millner said.

During a specially called meeting of the Academic Senate Wednesday, Munitz said extending a presidential term is one of the few unilateral powers a chancellor has.

Other people supported Munitz's announcement.

"I personally have no problem with Handel Evans as president," said

St. Saffold, university ombudsman and associate vice president of student affairs.

Saffold didn't feel Munitz was abusing his power in that situation. "I just see that as his prerogative," he said.

Saffold said he supported the decision because he gets along well with

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## Poet's med-school failure leads to creation of work affirming 'everything that's great in life'

By STEVEN CHAE  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Li-Young Lee, one of the nation's most prominent up-and-coming poets, may never have arrived on the literary scene had it not been for an earlier failure.

As a pre-med student destined not to attend medical school, Lee and his brother opened a restaurant in Philadelphia, but "nobody wanted to buy hot-dogs and hamburgers from two Chinese brothers — especially in Little Italy," Lee said.

Lee then turned his attention to writing poetry when his interest was piqued after attending a college workshop on the subject. "I thought it would be an easy credit," he said.

Friday, Lee was the center of attention at a discussion on poetry held by the SJSU Center for the Literary Arts. About 50 students attended the mid-day conversation.

Dressed in black jeans, with a headband pulling his hair away from his dark, piercing eyes, the 35-year-old Lee spoke mostly about the technique of crafting poetry and the state of mind he strives to attain before committing pen to paper.

"I really value that early world when everything is the first, everything's pristine," Lee said. "Your first loneliness, your first death, it's that firstness that I value. It's much more valuable to write from that world than it is to write about that world. The subject, really, is nothing. Tone is the real issue." Lee also said the perception that poets must suffer for their art does not apply when it comes to his work.

"Suffering gets in the way," Lee said. "Poetry affirms everything that's great in life."

But while suffering is not wholly

necessary for Lee, that doesn't mean it never happens.

"When I wake up, I go to my desk, and I won't leave until I have at least three lines that I'm happy with. It's hard, because sometimes that takes over 10 hours," he said.

When Lee, responding to a student's question, discussed his views on the theme of waste, a low rumble coursed through the audience. Prefacing his words with "this is a private, probably insane," perspective, Lee said; "everybody is wasting their lives. But if you waste wholly, entirely, your life, there will be no waste."

"You've got to follow the deepest, stillest, most unheeded voice inside. Donald Trump is wasting his life. Lee Iacocca is wasting his life. Van Gogh wasted his life. The difference was that Van Gogh's was a waste of ecsta-

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KAREN C. HANNER — SPARTAN DAILY

Poet Li-Young Lee talks to students about his poetry at a discussion hosted by the SJSU Center for the Literary Arts Thursday night at the San Jose Museum of Art.

## Garage area dangerous during job

Corroded rods can burst through concrete, send debris flying

By MATT SMITH  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Authorities in charge of the reconstruction project being done on the Seventh Street garage are urging students to stay clear of the areas that have been partitioned off for the duration of the work, because of possible flying debris.

The work involves replacement of corroded post-tensioning reinforcement steel bars with stronger, epoxy-coated rods, a process that can be potentially dangerous if people or cars are in a sectioned-off area, said Richard Staley, manager of traffic and parking at SJSU.

The rods, which are under 30,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, are encased in PVC tubes every 32 inches along the floor of each level. As the old rods are cut, the pressure makes the rods virtually explode through the concrete and out the side of the building.

"When the rods break out of this solid concrete, they blast pieces of concrete and debris out ahead of the rod, and it will fly 30 to 40 feet," said Tony Ban, construction manager for SJSU.

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## Class exposes lives of Vietnamese emigrant women

By NICOLE SIRI  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU now offers students the opportunity to learn more about Vietnamese women adjusting to life in America.

"Vietnamese Women in Transition" is a new course offered by the women's studies program for the Spring 1993 semester.

"It is the only course of its kind known to exist at a university," said Rivka Polatnick, assistant professor of women's studies.

The course will cover the traditional roles of Vietnamese women in their native country, and their experience of leaving Vietnam.

Students will also learn about the conflicts that build within Vietnamese families as women become independent and enter the work force, and the domestic violence that may result, Polatnick said.

The psychological impact of all of these changes will also be covered, Polatnick said.

MaiLe Ho, the instructor of the course, will encourage open discussions on the pros and cons of women's changing roles and will host several guest speakers for the class, Polatnick said.

Lois Helmbold, coordinator of women's studies, said the department is following suit with the university's other specialized courses such as Afro-American studies.

"The department felt there was a need for a course like this because the Vietnamese population is quite substan-

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## EDITORIAL

## SJSU no longer waiting for a new president for change

*Failed presidential search gives SJSU only logical choice for a president we need*

CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz finally decided on a president for SJSU and made the only logical choice — J. Handel Evans — given the set of circumstances involved.

When Gail Fullerton resigned as president of SJSU in Oct. 1991, Evans took the position of SJSU's interim president. And it was probably with the thought it would only be an interim position that Evans took the position.

But something went awry in the process, and after an expenditure of \$61,000, the search reached its demise, and Evans found himself still sitting behind the president's door.

As one of the conditions of accepting the interim presidency, Evans was automatically disqualified from running for the position he would be holding.

But by not running for president, he became president. If only Ross Perot were so lucky.

Munitz should have saved the CSU the trouble of another presidential search in 1995 and allowed Evans to be a candidate in the first round.

But no, Munitz and the CSU board of trustees wanted to do things their way: 1) select an interim president but forbid him from running for the position; 2) run a presidential search to no avail; then 3) say there is no money for a second search and make the interim president the president and allow him to be a candidate in the next search.

In a public forum on campus Wednesday, Munitz said he is bending the rules, which he has the right to do.

But somewhere along the line, too many rules are going to be bent that will eventually slap Munitz in the face.

With the search now behind us, SJSU should move forward with its new president.

## FORUM PAGE POLICIES

The Spartan Daily provides a daily Forum page to encourage a "marketplace of ideas." Contributions to the page are encouraged from students, staff, faculty and others who are interested in the university at large.

Any letter or column for the forum page must be turned in to Letters to the Editor box in the Spartan Daily newsroom, Dwight Bentel Hall 209.

They may also be mailed to the Forum Editor, The Spartan Daily, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA, 95192. Or they can be faxed to (408) 924-3282.

Articles and letters MUST contain the author's name, phone number, address and major (if a student).

Contributions must be typed or submitted on a 3.5-inch computer disk using Microsoft Word on the Macintosh or Word for Windows. We can't deal with other types of word processors. Always bring a print-out of your letter.

Submissions become property of the Spartan Daily and will be edited for grammar, libel and length. Categories available to non-Daily staff writers are:

■ Campus Viewpoint: 300 to 500 word essays on current campus, political or personal issues. Submissions should be well researched.

■ Letters to the Editor: Up to 200 words responding to a certain issue or point of view. If they are longer, they may be edited for length.

Other articles appearing on this page are:

■ Reporter's or Editor's forum: Opinion pieces written by Spartan Daily staff writers or editors which do not necessarily reflect the majority views of the Spartan Daily, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication or SJSU. Reporters are prohibited from writing opinions on issues they have covered for news stories.

■ Staff editorials: These are unsigned opinion pieces that express the majority opinion of the editorial board of the Spartan Daily.

In all cases personal attacks will usually not be printed and all submissions must include a daytime phone number because we check on each letter to make sure that it is an original letter written by the person who signed the letter. No phone number means no publication.



FRED LIMPET — SPARTAN DAILY

## True confessions of a junk-mail goddess

When it comes to careers, some people deal in plastics or bonds, while others dabble in toxins or computers, and still others make their living by selling insurance or drugs.

But my forté is junk mail. Now, junk mailing is not my major at this fine university, but as nobody in my major field wants to give me any money at this point, I figure I need to scratch out some sort of a living.

My roommate has worked at a local mailing service for the entire semester. When she came home one evening last month and told me the company needed some part-time help, I thought, "Sure, what the heck." I mean, hey, I've already sold women's clothing on commission. It's not like I have any pride left.

So now I spend between 16

and 20 hours a week stuffing envelopes, checking mailing lists and entering addresses into data bases.

I know, it's almost too exciting for words. But try to contain yourself, huh?

It's actually been a pretty fun job. We're busy enough that the time passes fairly quickly. I get to play with computers and glue sticks until my fingertips are callused and sticky. And let us not forget the joy of paper cuts! I am on my way to becoming the paper-cut poster child. Maybe Jerry Lewis will host a telethon for me and my co-workers. Maybe some Silicon Valley scientists will stop inventing computers and instead shift their focus to devising a plan for paper that can't slice through skin.

Yeah, right.

The best part of my job, besides my wonderful boss, who lets us listen to 94.5 FM

and 92.3 FM in order to cut the tedium, and my fantastic co-workers who crack jokes at each other's expense, is going through the mailing lists and recognizing names from it. In one recent mailing, I got to send letters to Dianne Feinstein, Gail Fullerton and The Watergarden.

Wow — now THERE'S a group I'd like to gather in my living room....

I think working with bulk mail has made me a better person, or at least a more understanding human being. This job has given me some sort of perverse appreciation for the junk mail I get in my mailbox six days a week. I look upon it and reflect for a minute on the people who worked their fingers to the bone in order for me to receive a Kentucky Fried Chicken flier.

So, in honor of the season, I'm going to ask you a favor.



Lynn Benson

## Now That I Have Your Attention

The next time you open your mailbox to a plethora of garbage, pause for a moment and deny yourself the urge to curse uncontrollably. The mail you received might have passed through my hands at some point in its life.

And remember — I know where you live.

Lynn Benson is a Daily staff columnist. Her column appears every Monday.

## SHA protests do not risk the safety of homeless

Michael Roberts

## Campus Viewpoint

Why is the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily attacking the actions of the Student Homeless Alliance?

Does anyone at the editorial staff of the Spartan Daily know anything about the Student Homeless Alliance? Does the staff know that SHA was participating in a nationwide housing takeover this past Thanksgiving? Since I am the co-founder of SHA, and because I know the editorial staff did not interview the leadership of SHA before writing its misinformed editorial, I will set the record straight.

The editorial staff attacked SHA for two reasons: (a) because it thinks we have not "focused on funding...for housing solutions," and (b) because they think we "risked the lives of homeless people."

If the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily researched its own paper, it would find out that SHA was present at all seven meetings conducted by the Housing Department of the city of San Jose regarding the C.H.A.S. (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy). At those meetings, SHA submitted a sophisticated critique of the housing policies of San Jose. In the critique were many suggestions for alternative housing policies. The city refused to accept any of our proposals. Indeed, the city of San Jose is ignoring its housing crisis while pumping hundreds of millions of tax payers' dollars into luxury hotels and sports stadiums.

The long-term jobs these endeavors create are service-

sector jobs which pay low wages. Working full time at a minimum wage job in San Jose translates into homelessness. SHA has pointed out to city administrators that they cannot solve homelessness by providing service-sector jobs and nothing else. San Jose must also provide low-income housing. But because profit developers control the Redevelopment Agency of San Jose, the city refuses to care for its poor citizens.

So why does the editorial staff assume SHA has not "focused on funding...for housing solutions?" Why did the editorial staff of the Spartan Daily assume that SHA did not advocate and "focus efforts" on city funding policies before the occupation on Thanksgiving? Should not the members of an editorial staff be aware of what their reporters cover? The housing policies of San Jose are complex, but many reporters from the Spartan Daily who have covered SHA have been able to comprehend them. So why cannot the editorial staff do the same? Maybe they should not be editors if they know less than the reporters.

Secondly, the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily claims SHA risked the lives of homeless people. This statement assumes that the homeless people had either no choice in the decision-making process, or they did not realize what they were doing while occupying the empty houses. Simply put, this statement by the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily is an insult to the intelligence of the homeless members of

SHA. If the members of the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily were to attend a SHA meeting, they would discover the homeless members are intelligent and articulate people, capable of making fundamental decisions about their own lives.

Furthermore, many homeless people would rather "risk" putting a roof over their heads than face the real danger of sleeping under a bridge. By occupying an abandoned house, the homeless people are actually trying to reduce their chances of dying in the streets. Homelessness is inherently dangerous. Furthermore, there are still people living in four of the homes on River Street. The houses we occupied were sound, safe structures.

The homeless members of SHA are working people who are tired of subsidizing luxury projects with the tax dollars they earn at work. San Jose has the fourth most expensive rent in the nation, and many of the homeless sisters and brothers cannot afford a place to live despite working full-time. Therefore, it is logical that homeless people claim abandoned homes owned by public agencies.

The bottom line is that non-violent direct action works. For example, the mayor's task force on homelessness and housing in San Jose was formed as a result of a tent city protest last April which ended in the arrests of 13 members of SHA. The Thanksgiving takeover has forced negotiations with agencies which never before considered putting homeless people in

abandoned houses. We have learned from our homeless sisters and brothers in Oakland who were able to force the city of Oakland to fund their non-profit housing agency at \$18 million. The funding came after three years of housing takeovers in Oakland.

Finally, if the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily knew the history of civil disobedience in this country, it might change its attitude toward SHA. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. broke "the law," and in many instances, leaders of the Civil Rights movement "risked their lives." Yet today we consider Dr. King one of the great leaders of social movements in the United States.

In the fifties and sixties the movement was for the rights of African-Americans. Today the movement is for the rights of poor Americans. The Student Homeless Alliance is spearheading the movement in San Jose. As a graduate student writing my master's thesis on homelessness and housing in San Jose, I find it particularly vulgar that the people who compose the editorial staff at the Spartan Daily have chosen to attack our organization without doing any research on our history.

Michael Roberts,  
Graduate Student, History  
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## Today

**AFRICAN LEADERS EDUCATING AND RISING TOGETHER (A.L.E.R.T.):** General meeting, 6 - 7 p.m., EOP 210 in Wahlquist Library Central, call 279-3381.

**CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER:** Word bible study, noon - 1 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Campus Christian Center, call 228-0204.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call 298-0204.

**WING CHUN ASSOCIATION:** Meeting 7 - 9 p.m., Woman's gym patio area, call 249-8573.

**W.I.N.G.S.:** Reception, 6:30 p.m., Moulder Formal Lounge, call 924-8954.

## Tuesday

**AIIESEC:** General meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Business Classroom 208, call 363-9843.

**BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Lifestyle meeting, noon - 1 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room and 6 - 7 p.m., location T.B.A., call 925-2980.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call 298-0204.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY:** Seminar by Dr. Steven Fodor, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Duncan Hall 250, call 924-5000.

**MECHA:** General meeting, 5 p.m., Chicano Resource Center, call 288-6470.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Meeting, 12:30 - 1:20 p.m., Administration Building, Room 222B, call 251-5430.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Reception for "What Goes Around Comes Around" exhibit, 6 - 8 p.m.,

Art Building Gallery One, call 924-4328.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Student galleries art receptions, 6 - 8 p.m., Art Building, call 924-4330.

**SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN:** Tuesday night lecture series: Artists in "What Goes Around Comes Around" exhibit discuss their work, call 924-4328.

**SOCIOLOGY CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH A.S.:** Award ceremony/Winter Celebration, noon - 2 p.m., Dudley Moorehead Hall, call 924-5320.

## Wednesday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, call (415) 595-2103.

**A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Meeting, 3 p.m., SU Council Chambers, call 924-6240 or 924-6255.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Advent Mass, 12:10 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel, call 298-0204.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Exploring the Catholic faith, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Campus Ministry Center, 10th and San Carlos, call 298-0204.

**FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB:** Megatraveller: "Secrets of Swurgrum," 6 p.m., SU Pacheco Room, call 924-7097.

**STUDENT AFFILIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT (S.A.F.E.R.):** Weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Washington Square Mall, Room 115, call 924-5468.

**SPARTAN MARCHING BAND:** Spartan Marching Band Scholarship Benefit Concert, 7:30 p.m., Event Center, \$3 students, \$5 general, call 924-4643.

**WING CHUN ASSOCIATION:** Meeting 7 - 9 p.m., Woman's gym patio area, call 249-8573.

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## Man pleads guilty in hatchet slayings of his sons

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A man pleaded guilty to aggravated murder in the hatchet slayings of his two sons and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In exchange for Cherno Camara's plea Thursday, prosecutors said they had agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Mohammed Richard Camara,

2, and Bakary Alan Camara, 3, were killed April 10 at the home of their mother, Patricia Johnston. Both were struck several times in the head with a hatchet.

## SF teen arrested on suspicion of bookmaking

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A San Francisco high school student has been arrested on suspicion of running a bookmaking operation that police say recorded up to \$30,000 a week in bets from students at as many as three public schools.

Steven Tran, 18, a student at Mark Twain High School, was arrested at his family's apartment in the Richmond District on Tuesday, after a three-week investigation.

Police said they found what appeared to be gambling records with the names of more than 30 students who placed bets ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 on professional football and basketball teams.

Officers also arrested Tran's father, Diem Tran, 42, after finding records they said tied him to a separate bookmaking operation for adults.

The Trans posted bail of \$9,500 each and were released. They were scheduled to be arraigned on Dec. 21.

The probe at Mark Twain, Lincoln and Washington high schools began after officers heard rumors of pupils afraid to come to school because of gambling debts.

"We understood that kids were down a lot of money and were a little fearful," said police Officer Ernie Ferrando. "Some kids owed thousands."

Ferrando said Steven Tran allegedly went to the different schools at lunch time and waited in front to meet with his contacts.

Police have been unable to learn how much money actually changed hands. But records indicated that as much as \$30,000 was wagered on individual sports teams by more than 30 students, Ferrando said.

## Two TV newsroom staffers charged in alleged staged drinking party

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) — A television reporter and a cameraman who allegedly staged a party for a teen-age drinking story were charged Friday with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Reporter Kelly Nelson and cameraman Jim Talley, both 23, are accused of buying two cases of beer and bringing it to a cabin near Bemidji in northern Minnesota where they filmed teenagers drinking.

They were suspended indefinitely Thursday from KCCO-TV of Alexandria.

"Needless to say, providing alcohol to teen-agers is illegal. It's wrong," station manager Ken Rees said Friday.

The station broadcast an apology to the teens, their parents and its viewers Thursday night, after Rees learned of the allegations.

Nelson and Talley each face one gross misdemeanor count in Beltrami County District Court.

The maximum penalty is one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. No court date has been set.

KCCO aired the story Nov. 24 as part of a series on teen-age drinking.

## Women

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tial at this university and in the community," Helmbold said. "It is designed for Vietnamese students and other students who interact with the Vietnamese population."

Alex Yamato, coordinator of Asian-American studies, said he hopes to expand Vietnamese studies in his department so those classes can be offered for the department's minor program.

"Right now, students have the choice of Filipino-American, Chinese-American and Japanese-American courses," Yamato said. "We are working to include Vietnamese-American studies as an option."

For more information about enrolling in "Vietnamese Women in Transition," contact the women's studies department.

## LOVE TO ARGUE?

Debate improves analytical and speaking skills. If you to improve your ability to think on your feet — join the SJSU Forensic team.

According to Raoul D. Kennedy, S. San Francisco Attorney:

"I truly believe I would have been as prepared for law school had I simply debated and not attended college at all. I have found that the practice of law — and I assume this is true of a large number of other jobs — consists basically of trying to solve problems in an organized manner .... Debate .... placed a premium on the factors that I believe are essential to effective problem solving, including .... breaking an argument down into its smallest components and then marshalling the factual data for each element; talking a problem through with others over a period of time that a contention or issues becomes fully having a mental conception of them; ... and finally, and perhaps most importantly, coming to appreciate the stresses and rewards of competition."

Interested experienced or inexperienced debaters, persuasive and impromptu speakers are invited to a meeting Dec. 10th at 3PM in HGH 219

For more info 924-5382 or 924-5381

## NOT JUST WOMEN & PARTIES



It is true that Fraternities offer great social opportunities. However, there is much more to fraternities than just meeting women and partying. Fraternities offer leadership positions, scholarships, community service, personal growth, and brotherhood. Some of the

friendships you make in college could last a lifetime. The friends you meet in the fraternity will be more than friends; they will be your brothers! If you are interested in joining a fraternity or would like some more information ...

Call The Fraternity Hotline  
**924-5969**



## Grades by Touchtone

Admissions and Records will not mail out grades this semester.

Starting with the Fall, 1992 semester, grades will be available through our new touchtone information system, ASK-SJSU.

You need three things to hear your grades:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- The ASK-SJSU phone number - (408) 283-7500

During the week of January 11, you will be able to call in by the first letter of your last name:

A - Be	Monday, January 11	7:00am - 1:00pm
Bf - C	Monday, January 11	1:00pm - 7:00pm
D - Fi	Tuesday, January 12	7:00am - 1:00pm
Fj - I	Tuesday, January 12	1:00pm - 7:00pm
J - La	Wednesday, January 13	7:00am - 1:00pm
Lb - M	Wednesday, January 13	1:00pm - 7:00pm
N - O	Thursday, January 14	7:00am - 1:00pm
P - R	Thursday, January 14	1:00pm - 7:00pm
S - Ta	Friday, January 15	7:00am - 1:00pm
Tb - Z	Friday, January 15	1:00pm - 7:00pm

After January 15, you will be able to call in on any day from Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm, unless it is a University holiday.

The ASK-SJSU system will guide you through the process just like the TOUCH-SJSU system guides you through registration.

If you need a printed copy of your grades you may pick one up from Admissions and Records beginning on January 11.



If you have any questions about grades by Touchtone, stop by Admissions and Records or Call 924-2000.

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## What do these men have in common?



**Tom Selleck**  
U.S.C. '67  
Television and movie actor.



**Jim Everett**  
Purdue '86  
Quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams.



**John Young**  
GA. Tech '52  
NASA Space Shuttle Commander.



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## Poet

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sy. Because of that, his life is greater."

"I just wish there was more time," said Don Bernal, a freshman majoring in business, referring to the one hour allotted for the talk.

"He's certainly provocative and

a great poet. For me, poetry is about being provocative and shaking things up," said Alan Soldofsky, director of the Center for the Literary Arts. "He's also one of the most articulate speakers on the subject of poetry. He is an ambassador to those who don't know so much about poetry."

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Violin instructor José Brisano, center, practices with student George Baldwin, left, in front of a mirror inside a cubicle in the music department building. The experimental class Brisano teaches in may become part of SJSU's unique improvisation major next semester.

## Mariachi: Unique nuances make all the difference

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courses that touch on the music of Mexico, Cannon said.

"We have a Latin jazz ensemble, which is salsa-oriented," Cannon said, "but mariachi gave us the opportunity to get more into the music of Mexico than we have done in the past."

"There's a lot of interest in the mariachi music for people who are going to teach and for people who are going to perform this valid form of music," Cannon said. "There seems to be a tremendous interest both in the community and on campus."

Clark sees SJSU as a natural location for the mariachi class.

"Demographically, San Jose has the largest population of Latinos and Mexicans outside of L.A.," Clark said. "I think it's appropriate there's a mariachi program here in San Jose. It's long overdue. It's kind of unbelievable it hasn't happened before."

Clark taught a mariachi class this semester, which mainly consisted of members of the community. It was the first phase of an experimental project and Cannon hopes it will gradually build up in

enrollment. Cannon wants to make the mariachi class legitimate through the university extension next semester so the people in the community can continue.

"We'll try to find a way to make it an official class, particularly for students on campus who want units," Cannon said. "But we won't know until the spring semester begins."

Raymundo Morales, a freshman majoring in art who grew up in Mexico and went to high school in Monterey, California, also plays the *guitarrón*. He hopes more students get interested in mariachi music.

"He's very well known in the area because of his knowledge of the *guitarrón*," Morales said of Clark. "I've learned a lot from him. His style is very unique."

For the mariachi program to be successful, there must be four instructors; one to teach the trumpet, one for the violin, one for the *guitarrón* and one for the guitar and *vihuela*, Clark said. The *vihuela*, which sounds similar to a baritone ukulele, is a smaller version of the *guitarrón*

and has the same convex shape, Clark said.

"It is the heart and lead of the mariachi rhythm section," Clark said. "It's used strictly for chords and rhythm."

Mariachi is ambiguous in that it can denote an individual musician, refer to a group or ensemble, or a style or genre, Clark said. What isn't ambiguous about mariachi is the sound.

"The nuances of mariachi are what make it different from other music," Clark said. "Not that it's anything other-worldly or more superior than other world music. It's just that every ethnic style, every variance style has certain idiomatic nuances that are unique to that style, and that's often hard to learn off of records."

Although mariachi is making a resurgence across the nation, it has been popular in the Southwest for many years.

"In San Antonio, there has been mariachi in the public schools for maybe 30 years," Clark said. "Every high school has its band, its orchestra, its choir and its mariachi."

There are mariachi programs at

universities such as UC Santa Cruz, UC Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, UCLA and other colleges in the Southwest, Clark said.

This recent mariachi revival in America doesn't necessarily represent what's happening in Mexico. Although it is considered the national symbol, it's stagnant in Mexico, Clark said. There probably isn't one college in Mexico that has a mariachi program, he said.

Clark said that one of the myths about mariachi music was that the term was coined by the French upon arriving in Mexico in the 1860s. According to the myth, the French hired musicians for French weddings. The French term for marriage is *mariage*, hence the name "mariachi."

A document disproving the myth, written by a priest in 1862, was found in 1981. The priest wrote that there were actually mariachis before the French came, Clark said.

"Scholars agree that mariachi is indigenous to Mexico," Clark said, "but they're not certain. Any similarity to the French is coincidence."



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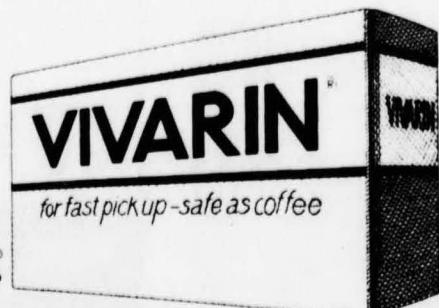
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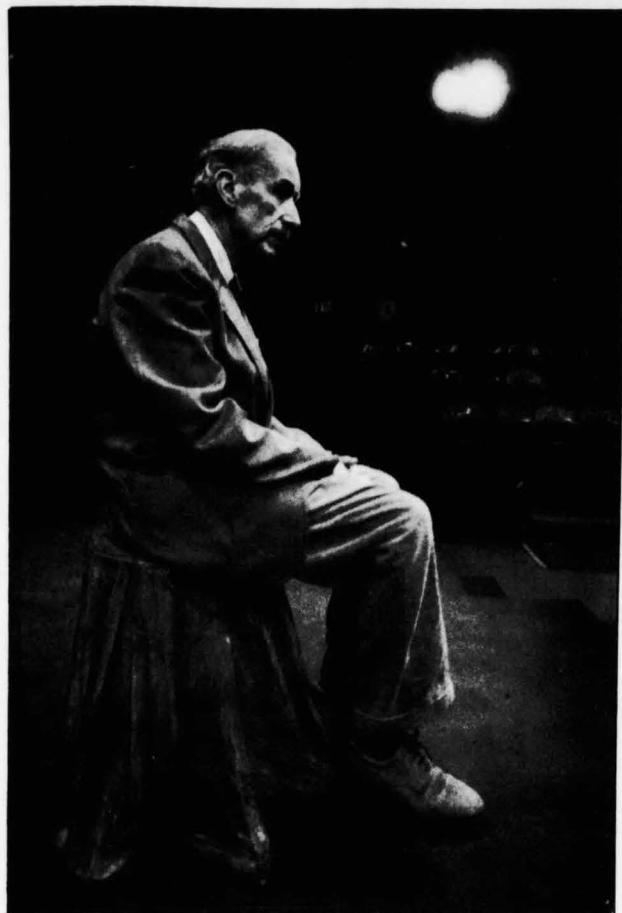
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# SJSU theatre arts director gets last curtain call after 28 years of plays, productions, musicals



SCOTT SADY — SPARTAN DAILY

Hal J. Todd, theatre arts professor and director of "Shaggy Wolfman Tales," directs the crew at last Wednesday's performance.

By RACHEL LUTHER  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A month ago, Hal J. Todd was in the body of a young woman. Last week, he was back in his own body socializing with the Three Little Pigs.

Todd, a professor of theatre arts at SJSU, played the 'Old Man' whose soul was switched with a young woman in SJSU's production of "Prelude to a Kiss," last month.

Todd directed SJSU's latest production "Shaggy Wolfman Tales," a play aimed at children as well as adults, which ran through Dec. 5.

"The story is about the Big Bad Wolf brought to trial for his crimes against Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Little Pigs, and Peter, the boy who cried wolf."

"Shaggy Wolfman Tales" was Todd's last direction at SJSU. After 28 years, Todd is retiring at the end of this semester.

For the past four years, Todd has been teaching one semester a year.

"The first 20 years were busy," he said. "I didn't mind tapering off."

"My wife and I travel quite a bit, and I participate in a lot of outside activities, like baseball and acting," Todd said.

He began his SJSU career in 1964 as chairman of the theatre arts department.

A few years after he started, Todd went on sabbatical.

"We all realized how much he

really did for the department," Ken Dorst, retired coordinator of the drama area, said. "His duties had to be delegated out to three or four people."

In 1982, Todd became a professor of theatre arts at SJSU. Todd chose to get a degree in teaching because he enjoyed the educational side of theater.

"I wanted to help pass it on and stay young by working with college students," Todd said.

"He gives you a lot of leeway and lets you be creative with your part," said Paige Adams, a sophomore majoring in theatre arts, who plays Red Riding Hood, Sheep 212, Pig 1 and part of the mob.

"He actually lets an actor act," said David Wilkinson, a senior majoring in theatre arts, who plays Dr. Whichman and a judge.

"I've been looking forward to working with him for a long time," said Aaron Voorhees, a junior majoring in creative arts who plays Jess-Nasty, a boyfriend of one of the pigs; a grandpa; part of the mob and a tree. "He lets an actor discover himself, and then he improves upon that."

"We all learn from Hal an understanding of what it is to really love the theater and be really dedicated," Earle said. "His shoes are going to be hard to fill."

"I believe the arts are one of the most important things in the modern world, especially the live theater," Todd said.

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## Newspapers need minority staff to attract readers, reflect diversity of population, publishers warned

NEW YORK (AP) — Minority readers will find little to interest them in newspapers that fail to hire minority staff members and will abandon those publications, a group of top news executives was warned.

"I'm not worried about whether you embrace diversity or not," said Simdel Estes-Sumpter, president of the National Association of Black Journalists.

"Because if not, it's over. ... You won't be putting out a product anyone will want to read or advertise in," said Estes-Sumpter.

Estes-Sumpter spoke Thursday to publishers discussing minority hiring and advances, gathered under the auspices of the Newspaper Association of America and the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The group held a similar meeting last year in New York, and Estes-Sumpter predicted at that time "that a year from now there'd be a lot of task forces, a lot of sub-committees, and very little would be done. Most of that prediction has come true."

In the next seven years, more than three-quarters of the nation's

population growth is expected to occur among non-whites.

Yet only 9 percent of newspaper staff members are part of a minority group — about half the minority share of the general population — and an even lower percentage are supervisors.

While publishers have long declared their desire to hire more blacks, Hispanics and Asians, many editors complain it is hard to attract qualified applicants, and that many who are hired leave for better paying jobs.

But Estes-Sumpter, who works in the news department of WAGA-TV in Atlanta, described "newsrooms that are increasingly hostile to minorities. ... We're leaving in record numbers because we're angry and frustrated."

Charles Brumback, president and chief executive officer of the Tribune Co. of Chicago, said he was surprised staffers would call Lloyd rather than take complaints to their own bosses. "I think it's getting better," he said.

"Your frustration is shared by many of us," responded Arthur Sulzberger Jr., publisher of The New York Times.

He said that members of the Times' own task force on diversity had "been at each others' throats" and that it took three days of special meetings "to get them talking again."

Other minority groups complained of being left out of the discussion.

Diane Alverio, president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, said the panel discussion was "pretty much a black and white group."

If papers ignore the nation's growing Hispanic population, she said, "it will be a costly business mistake."

And Evelyn Hsu, president of the Asian-American Journalists Association, said she wished other groups of minority journalists had been consulted and allowed to make a presentation at the session.

William Boyd, moderator of this year's session, said several initiatives outlined last year showed some progress.

— The Associated Press takes 15 minority journalism students each year into its 13-week on-the-job training course, and offers a

full-time job to all who pass. Forty-one of 69 interns who joined remain with the news service, according to AP President and Chief Executive Officer Louis D. Boccardi.

— The Tribune Co. has made increasing the diversity of its work force a top corporate priority, and senior managers have been told their ability to hire and promote blacks will affect their annual bonus.

— Committees of staffers at the Atlanta Journal and several other newspapers have conducted "news audits," checking for biased coverage, such as the use of derogatory terms for women or photos that represented blacks exclusively as entertainers, athletes or criminals.

— The Seattle Times three years ago declared Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a company holiday. It also keeps what publisher Frank Blethen described as a "minority journalism job bank" and passes on to other, smaller papers in the Northwest the names of promising but inexperienced applicants it has no immediate plans to hire.

## Schoolmates shave heads to show support of leukemia-stricken friend

YORKVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Treatment for leukemia soon may cost Mark Lowry his hair. But his bald head won't stand out in the classrooms at Cross Lutheran School.

When the school's 15 other seventh- and eighth-grade boys learned that Mark, 13, would undergo the chemotherapy, they decided to have their own heads shaved in a show of support.

By Thursday, only two of the 16 weren't bald. One, Robert Erickson, was waiting for the weekend for his clipping.

The other was Mark, who came home Wednesday from the hospital with a full head of hair.

"It probably won't be for long, though," he said. "And my dad might cut my hair so I look like the rest of the guys."

Mark, an eighth-grader, learned only recently that he had leukemia, and started chemotherapy treatments last week.

Classmate Travis Busch then came up with the head-shaving idea, but cleared it with Mark first.

"We didn't want to make him feel we were making fun of him," said Travis.

The students also checked with principal Sue Lopez, who approved the clip job and said the boys could wear hats in class to keep their heads warm.

"I asked Mark how he felt about it and he said he thought it was a neat idea," Lopez said.

How long do the boys plan to go hairless?

"Until Mark grows his hair back," was the unanimous response.



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## Garage: Rods may pop

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The corrosion of the rods has already caused a few of them to burst unattended, which could turn into a major accident if it happened near a person. This possibility prompted the construction.

Gene Christian, vice president of Reinforcing Post-tensioning Service, a company that was subcontracted to work on the project, has worked with post-tensioning since 1958.

Christian echoed Ban's concerns. He recalled an instance in which a person had both legs sheared from his body when a rod was cut and burst out next to him.

The \$900,000 job is slated to finish by the end of January, and most of the work will be done during winter break.

"It was a very dangerous situation and it had to be corrected. So this is an emergency job," said Ban.

As of now, the entire fifth floor of the Seventh Street garage is closed for the construction, and half of the fourth level is closed so debris won't damage parked cars there. Access ramps will remain open and traffic will be routed around the closed levels.



Royce Ballard, iron-worker foreman, removes tendons from the Seventh Street Garage roof in an attempt to repair problems to the structure. Work began last Monday.

JAMIE LEIGHTON—SPARTAN DAILY

## NBC orders three more episodes of drama

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I'll Fly Away," NBC's critically acclaimed drama teetering on the verge of cancellation, has earned at least a brief reprieve.

The network Friday ordered three additional episodes, which will keep the series on the air through January. A two-hour episode will be shown Jan. 29, said spokesman Phil Gonzales of Lorimar, which co-produces the series. All the January episodes are scheduled for Friday evenings, NBC said.

Fans of the show had complained that shifting time slots and its preemption during the latest key ratings period, the November sweeps, had hurt viewership and the show's chances of survival.

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## Munitz: Faculty reactions mixed on presidential announcement

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Evans, but could understand why others might raise concerns about the process.

"If I had problems with Evans, I may have had concerns about the process," said Saffold who said he shares the concern that Munitz's action may set a precedent.

But English Professor Scott Rice criticized those who complained about Munitz's move.

"They're complaining for the wrong reasons, and I'm disgusted some people think this is a political decision," Rice said. "We're looking for a person to lead us at the most critical period in this institution's history."

Rice, a vocal critic of the presidential selection process last spring, said Evans was handi-

capped by the term "interim president," and Munitz's decision to remove "interim" from his title would give Evans "more authority, more credibility."

But many critics of Munitz's move said it was necessary to raise questions about the process.

"I feel sorry because I'm always picking on Handel," said College of Social Work Professor Emeritus José Villa, who has been one of the most outspoken critics, "but somebody's got to raise questions about the whole thing."

Villa called Munitz's visit "a very arrogant move." According to Villa, "Munitz did not come to this campus to consult; he came to tell us his mind was made up."

Villa also questioned Evans' credentials, saying, "Our main purpose is to impart knowledge to students, and that is not his area of expertise."

Political science professor and Academic Sen. Theodore Norton also expressed concern about Evans' academic background. He said Evans lacks extensive teaching experience and the doctorate degree expected of a university president.

Evans, who has a master's degree in architecture from the University of Oregon, does not have a doctorate degree because it is not offered in architecture.

"Before I was in San Jose," Evans said, "I was a faculty member, a professor, an assistant professor, an associate professor and a full professor at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo in the architecture school, which is probably the finest in the country."

Under Munitz's original policy, Evans, as SJSU's interim president, could not run for the presidency of SJSU to avoid a potential

conflict of interest. But on Wednesday, Munitz said he was bending his policy, allowing Evans to be a candidate when the search resumes.

Academic Sen. Peter Buzanski questioned the original policy, saying "the search for the president was wide open, except for two individuals," the other one being Evans' predecessor, Gail Fullerton, whose October 1991 retirement prompted the search for a new president.

Evans does not know if he'll seek the presidency when the next search is conducted, however.

"It would be presumptuous of me to look that far ahead," Evans said. "A lot can happen to college presidents in three years. A lot can happen to universities in three years. And, obviously, I like what I'm doing. I'm very honored to be the president of this institution,

which I consider to be a great institution."

But, Villa said, allowing Evans to be a candidate would give him an advantage over the other candidates.

"That's totally unfair to all the other candidates," he said.

But Millner, who questioned Munitz's unilateral decision, supported Evans' candidacy. "If President Evans does not have that option, he'll be a lame duck, and we do not need that at this time."

Rice also supported Evans as a candidate in a future search, saying politics could not be separated from the position. The policy was implemented to prevent an interim president from using the position for political purposes, but a president who was not a candidate could still abuse his power to get a position elsewhere, Rice said.

Despite the controversy surrounding the process, Evans still remains personally popular at SJSU.

Academic Vice President Arlene Okerlund said she has worked with Evans for several years and that they work well together.

Okerlund said her relationship with Evans has been very positive, and given what SJSU has been through in terms of budget cuts, he has performed quite well.

Even Villa, who questions Evans' ability to lead SJSU, found a few words of praise for him.

"He's a good manager, quite charming," he said.

SJSU's presidential search, which was conducted in March, failed when Ruth Leventhal, provost of Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, withdrew her name from the race. Leventhal's name was the only one the selection committee forwarded to the CSU board of trustees.

## CSU Long Beach President resigns to head Illinois private college

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Curtis McCray has resigned as president of California State University-Long Beach to become head of a small, private liberal arts college in Decatur, Ill., officials said.

Millikin University officials announced Thursday that McCray, 54, will become its 11th president in March. Located in central Illinois, the college has a student population of 1,800.

"In many senses, I feel like I'm coming home. I feel very comfortable in the Midwest. I like Midwestern values, and I'm enthused about the opportunities at Millikin," McCray told the Millikin Board of Trustees in Decatur after the announcement was made.

The Indiana native graduated from Knox College and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a doctorate in English from the University of Nebraska and taught English at several colleges and universities.

He could not be reached for comment Thursday evening.

He has held the post at Long Beach for four years, a position that pays about \$120,000 a year.

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## Ineligible football players receive credit for uncompleted work

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Three former San Diego State football players say they received academic credits for course work they never did so that they would remain eligible to play football.

Derrick Williams, Daryl Crawford and Michael Misch told The San Diego Union-Tribune that they did not do the work required to obtain credits in Mesa College work experience courses in the summers of 1989 and 1990.

In a story published today, the newspaper cited Mesa College documents that record credits for work that Williams and Crawford said they never did. To be eligible under NCAA guidelines, student athletes must pass 24 semester-units per year.

Williams said SDSU football coach Al Luginbill told him to take the work experience course at Mesa. Luginbill denied that.

Luginbill said he knows "nothing about a football player who did not do the work."

"There's never been anybody who took more interest in academics than this football coach," he said.

## ① Former president calls for military to help end 'evil'

OXFORD, England (AP) — Former President Reagan said Friday that "evil still stalks the planet" and called for military force to enforce humanitarian gains in Yugoslavia, Sudan and other countries that flout human decency.

"What I propose ... is nothing less than a human velvet glove backed by a steel fist of military force," he said in a speech to about 1,000 students at the Oxford Union.

He called for a standing U.N. force, "an army of conscience that is fully equipped and prepared to carve out human sanctuaries through force if necessary."

Reagan, who once dubbed the former Soviet Union "the evil empire," said that following the collapse of communism, the world appears to have traded "a single, monolithic threat to the world's peace for a host of smaller, yet no less deadly, flashpoints."

## ② Serbian assault causes evacuation by Bosnian troops

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serbs overran and flattened parts of a Sarajevo suburb in an assault Friday, and Bosnian troops began evacuating

scores of civilians and wounded soldiers.

A Bosnian commander pleaded for U.N. help in evacuating the 6,000 civilians from the suburb, Otes, saying they could be massacred if Serbs captured it.

As fighting raged nearby, two U.N. convoys reached Sarajevo but a humanitarian airlift was suspended for a fourth day and would not resume before Sunday at the earliest.

In Otes, the Serbs have mounted their heaviest armored assault in Sarajevo, using 40 tanks, armored personnel carriers and self-propelled anti-aircraft guns, said Gen. Mustafa Hajrulahovic, the commander of government forces in the capital.

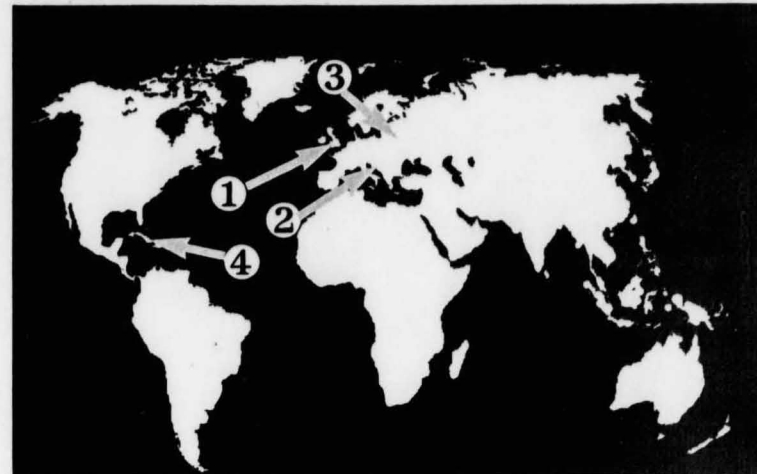
The purpose of the weeklong assault on Otes, northwest of downtown, was to bring the Serbs closer to Sarajevo's industrial district and the road leading to its airport.

## ③ President Yeltsin's power threatened by Russian parliament

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's hard-line parliament threatened Friday to strip President Boris Yeltsin of his power to name the Cabinet and accused him of impoverishing the nation with misguided economic reforms.

But in a tough speech, Yeltsin responded that proposals to limit his authority would endanger reforms and lead to political instability.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav



Kostikov, said the Congress, "by its own unconstructive position, is pushing the president to the idea that a referendum is necessary, a direct appeal to the people."

Some Yeltsin aides interpreted Kostikov's statement as a threat to disband the Congress and hold new elections. The Soviet-era constitution does not give the president that right, and the backlash could be formidable.

## ④ U.S. Coast Guard turns away 966 Haitian refugees

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard this week returned the

highest weekly total of Haitian refugees to their country since June, officials said Friday.

But they said they were not alarmed by the figures.

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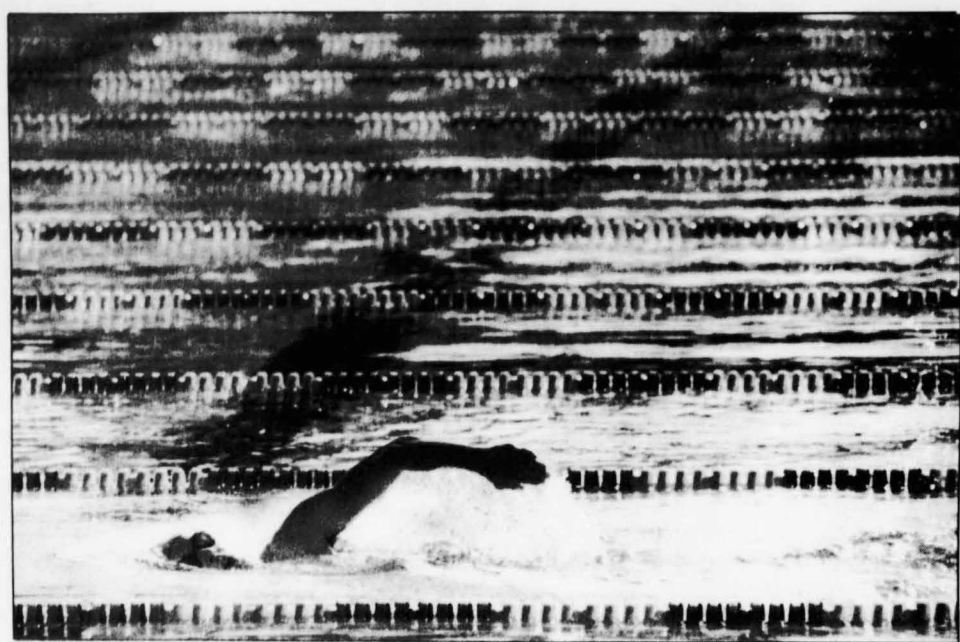
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Jeff Brookshire, a member of the San Jose State Long Distance Swimming team gets in some solitary laps during the early morning. The SUREC pool is heated and opens at 7 a.m. most days.

## Neutral officials costly to Pac-10

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Pacific 10 Conference's athletic directors will take up its ban on neutral officials for non-conference basketball games, a requirement one coach says is hampering scheduling and could cost national exposure.

The league requires Pac-10 officials to work all home games involving league teams, even when the visitor is from outside the conference.

Commissioner Tom Hansen said Thursday the athletic directors will review the policy during a meeting Thursday meeting in San Francisco.

"It's like either we're in the Dark Ages, or we're way ahead of everyone else. You can make your own assumption on that one," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

Arizona athletic director Cedric Dempsey said use of neutral officials in major intersectional games can help eliminate "the

perception of 'homers.'"

Officiating options in other conferences include neutral, split or "flipped" crews, who come from the conference of the visiting team.

"Frankly, it's getting more and more difficult to arrange intersectional games because of our conference policy," Olson said this week.

He said some schools have offered to play home-and-away series with Arizona if the visiting team brings its conference's officials. Such a policy would mean Pac-10 officials would work intersectional road games, and Hansen said that would be one drawback to a policy change.

It would be impossible to have Pac-10 observers evaluate conference officials who worked only intersectional road games, he said.

"If only visiting officials work, you lose that ability to improve,"

Hansen added.

Other drawbacks would be greater expenses at flying officials cross-country, and disruption to organizing, training and representing the staff, Hansen said.

Olson said travel costs would be minor compared with the benefits. He acknowledged concern that Western officials, being more isolated geographically, would get fewer offers to work neutral games than counterparts elsewhere.

"But now if we switch, then every time a Pac-10 team plays on the road they're going to have Pac-10 officials in those intersectional games," he said.

Arizona has had a problem with the policy at least since the 1987-88 season, when Georgetown declined a payback trip to Tucson because the Pac-10 would not allow a neutral crew. Arizona had played at Georgetown the year before.

## Testing the 1993 Kawasakis

Kawasaki unleashed its 1993 fleet of sportbikes earlier this month at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey.

The bikes that were tested were the ZX-7, ZX-7R, ZX-6 and ZX-11. All models have been updated for '93 with the ZX-6 and ZX-7 getting the most attention.

The 750cc ZX-7 has been engineered to be a closer rival to its more expensive and higher performance brother the 7R. The ZX-6 has more power for '93 as Kawasaki is trying to get closer to the 600cc class leading Honda CBRf2. Handling is also better but still falls short of the Honda.

The ZX-11 is also updated for '93 making an already incredibly fast bike even faster but it still remains a great all-around street bike.

## RIDING IMPRESSIONS

The ZX-7 was the first bike tested and was impressive on Laguna Seca's 2.5 mile circuit. The power is just as a cutting edge sportbike should be on top of the rev range. The power doesn't start coming on until 8,000 RPM but when it does the surroundings start to blur.

The new ram-air system on the Kawasaki's add even more power at higher speeds giving the whole line up more power at triple-digit speeds. The 7 was surprisingly fast but the most impressive aspect was the way it handled.

The Kawasaki was stable in the turns with its male-slider forks keeping the front end rigid. Even after getting a little more brave and going hard into some of the turns at Laguna the 7 remained stable. One of the few complaints about the ZX-7 I tested was the gear box. Twice going down the front straight the bike got a false neutral

between first and second. In any other gear the gearbox was smooth and downshifting quickly was a breeze even coming down from 130 mph.

One of the noticeable differences between the plain ZX-7 and ZX-7R was the brakes. The 7 took more effort than two fingers when trying to slow down from high speeds and scared me more than once coming in at better than 120 mph.

The 7R on the other hand was very confident coming in hard on the brakes and the feel was impeccable. The feeling of security made me go into the turns a little hotter and brake later. The brakes are slightly different on the 7R but the brake pads on the 7 may have been the difference.

The 7R steered better in the handling department, probably due to the rear ride-height being raised. The 7R seemed to be setup more for the track, steering quicker and showing more instability when hard on the brakes. The ZX-11 is the king of the street and performed as promised. The 11 is frighteningly fast and proved to be exciting over the hill at Laguna Seca's Turn 1.

The 11 is long and heavy compared to the sportier ZX-7 but was impressive on the brakes, coming down from insane speeds very well. Because the bike has a long wheel base I didn't try to push it through the turns, but it still handled admirably. The 11 is for those who are speed junkies but still want a comfortable, streetable bike.

The ZX-6 is a good road going motorcycle exhibiting good power for a 600cc bike but still remaining very comfortable.



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